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Group Art Unit: 3725

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For : BENDING APPARATUS, METHOD THEREOF, AND BENDING
TOOL

COVER LETTER

Mail Stop Missing Parts

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Sir :

In response to the Notification of Defective Response (copy attached) of October 2, 2006, the period for response being set to expire November 2, 2006, Applicants note that the first name of the fifth inventor as it appears on the executed Declaration filed on May 22, 2006 is correct. The discrepancy between the first name of the fifth inventor as it appears on the published International Application and the first name of the fifth inventor as it appears on the executed Declaration is due to transliteration.

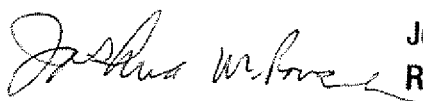
Applicants further note that the first name of the fifth inventor as it appears on the executed Declaration filed on May 22, 2006 is consistent with the first name of the fifth inventor as it appears on the executed assignment filed on May 22, 2006 and as it is recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (as indicated on the Notice of Recordation mailed July 10, 2006).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection in the Notification of Defective Response of October 2, 2006.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089. However, no fee is believed to be due as the executed Declaration filed on May 22, 2006 is believed to be compliant with 37 C.F.R. 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date, and correctly identifying the name of each inventor.

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